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SPRING PLENARY IN TURIN.

REF: A. USNATO 6123

B. PO/73/169 OF DECEMBER 18

SUMMARY: SYG LUNS HAS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO ITALIAN INVITATION HOLD CCMS SPRING PLENARY IN TURIN AND HE PLANS RAISE MATTER IN COUNCIL IN EARLY JANUARY. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT U.S. MEANWHILE SUPPORT ITALY'S EFFORTS IN NATO CAPITALS TO ENSURE ALLIED ACCEPTANCE GOI INVITATION. REASONING IN FAVOR CCMS MEETING IN TURIN CITED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. IN REF NATO DOCUMENT (POUCHED RPM/SCHOLLAERT AND WHITE HOUSE/HODSOLL) SYG LUNS HAS CIRCULATED TO PERMREPS ITALIAN LETTER OF INVITATION TO HOLD SPRING CCMS PLENARY IN TURIN. HE RECALLS COUNCIL'S DESIRE, IN ACCEPTING EARLIER CANADIAN INVITATION TO CCMS, NOT TO CREATE PRECEDENT
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FOR SUCH MEETINGS OUTSIDE NATO HEADQUARTERS, BECAUSE OF EXTRA COSTS. HOWEVER, IN NOTING "GENEROUS" ITALIAN OFFER TO PROVIDE ALL MEETING FACILITIES AND PAY EXPENSES FOR NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF

PARTICIPANTS, HE SUGGESTS PERMREPS MAY WISH REVIEW THEIR POSITION ON SUCH MEETINGS, AND HE STATES INTENTION PLACE SUBJECT ON NAC AGENDA IN EARLY JANUARY.

2. WHILE LUNS' ESSENTIALLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE WILL CARRY MUCH WEIGHT IN NAC CONSIDERATION OF GIO INVITATION, SOME ALLIED DEMURS, E.G., FRG (REF B), ON GROUNDS EXTRA EXPENSE FOR CCMS DELS MAY STILL SURFACE AT TIME AND COMPLICATE MATTERS. WE ASSUME ITALIANS, WILL PUSH HARD IN CAPITALS TO ENSURE ULTIMATE ALLIED ACCEPTANCE. U.S. ACTIVELY SUPPORTED SUCCESSFUL CANADIAN EFFORTS FOR OTTAWA PLENARY EARLIER THIS YEAR AND MISSION WISHES REEMPHASIZE RECOMMENDATION (REF B) WE LIKEWISE SUPPORT ITALIANS WHERE IT MIGHT DO MOST GOOD (ROME'S COMMENTS ON THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL).

3. FOR INFO ALL ADDRESSEES, MISSION RECAPITULATES BELOW THE EFFECTIVE EARLIER CANADIAN REASONING (WHICH WE SUPPORTED) FOR OCCASIONAL CCMS PLENARY OUTSIDE BRUSSELS, WHICH APPLIES EQUALLY IN CASE OF ITALY.

--IT EFFECTIVELY PUBLICIZES TO HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC OPINION THE CCMS PROGRAM IN NATO AND ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS THERETO.

--IT ENABLES HOST GOVERNMENT TO GAIN ADDED RECOGNITION, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL, FOR OWN PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES ON ISSUES ADDRESSED IN CCMS.

--IT ENABLES ALLIED CCMS DELS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH WIDER RANGE OF KEY HOST GOVERNMENT SUBSTANTIVE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE OPPORTUNITY PARTICIPATE IN MEETING ON HOME GROUND.

4. MISSION WOULD ADD THAT FORTHCOMING CCMS PLENARY HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FROM U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STANDPOINT AS OCCASION FOR WINDUP OF TWO OF EARLIEST AND MOST SWEEPING ALLIED CCMS UNDERTAKINGS, I.E., THE ROAD SAFETY AND AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDIES-BOTH LED BY U.S. BUT WITH KEY ROLES PLAYED BY SEVERAL OTHER ALLIES. TURIN IS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH BOTH INITIATIVES, THROUGH TURIN-BASED ITALIAN EFFORTS ON ESV AND TURIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO MULTI-CITY CCMS AIR POLLUTION ASSESSMENT WORK. ALSO TURIN ALREADY HAS BEEN SITE OF MAJOR CCMS ROAD SAFETY EXPERTS MEETING AND OF WORKING GROUP MEETING WHICH INAUGURATED ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY. TURIN WOULD THUS OFFER PARTICULARLY

ADVANTAGEOUS SETTING TO HIGHLIGHT CONCLUSION OF
SUCCESSFUL COMBINED ALLIED EFFORT IN BOTH FIELDS.
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